MEMORANDUM FOR: Carol J. Galante, Assistant Secretary for Housing – Federal Housing Commissioner, H

FROM: Benjamin T. Metcalf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs, HT

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for a FY 2013 Notice of Funding Availability - Assisted Living Conversion Program (FR-5700-N-17)

It is the finding of this Office that the subject Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) does not constitute a major federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, does not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The purpose of the NOFA is to announce the availability of FY 2013 funds and to provide program information and application instructions for the Assisted Living Conversion program. The Assisted Living Conversion NOFA provides assistance for the physical costs of converting some or all of the units of an eligible multifamily development into an Assisted Living Facility or Service-Enriched Housing for elderly persons, frail elderly persons, and persons with disabilities. It also provides instructions for eligible private non-profit owners to request the funding and instructions for headquarters to select projects that are assisted under Section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q-2). This will enable the elderly and persons with disabilities to continue living as independently as possible in their homes.

This Office finds that issuance of this NOFA will not have a significant effect on the human environment because prior to HUD’s award of any grant under the NOFA, HUD will perform an environmental review of proposed activities under the National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 50 and will consider the potential environmental impacts of the proposal in determining whether or under what conditions to award funds. Recipients are prohibited from acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, demolishing, leasing, repairing, or constructing property, or committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds for these types of program activities, until the environmental review has been completed. Therefore, the environmental effects of activities assisted under this NOFA will be taken into account at the appropriate time, and environmental impacts will be assessed in the local setting in which they will
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occur. As the NOFA itself will not create any significant environmental impacts and will not result in significant impacts on the physical/human environment, a Finding of No Significant Impact is hereby made.

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